



The New Year Travels Around the World

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① The new year does not come to everyone at the same time. It moves around the world like a relay race. The first people to see it live on Kiritimati, a small island in the Pacific Ocean. About 25 hours later, people in American Samoa finally say goodbye to the old year.



② In Sydney, more than one million people watch fireworks over the Harbour Bridge. Later, in Madrid, people hold twelve green grapes in their hands. When the big clock rings twelve times, they eat one grape with each sound. It is not easy, because the bells are fast! People say that if you finish all twelve, you will have good luck for twelve months.

③ In Rio de Janeiro, people wear white clothes and go to the beach. Many of them jump over seven waves and make a wish each time. Some people also put white flowers into the sea as a gift for a goddess of the sea.

④ Then the new year reaches New York. Since 1907, a big ball has come down a pole in Times Square at midnight. Why a ball? Long ago, ships checked the time by watching a falling ball. The first ball was made of iron and wood, and it had 100 light bulbs. As the ball falls, the crowd shouts, "Ten, nine, eight..." and paper confetti fills the air.

⑤ After midnight, many people sing an old Scottish song, "Auld Lang Syne." It is a song about old friends and good times. Japanese people know the same melody as "Hotaru no Hikari." So next time you hear it in a store at closing time, smile. Somewhere in the world, people sing it to welcome a brand-new year.

Words 単語

relay race リレー競走

island 島

fireworks 花火

grape ぶどう (の1粒)

midnight 真夜中、夜の12時

wish 願い／願う

goddess 女神

pole 柱、さお

crowd 群衆、人ごみ

confetti 紙吹雪

melody メロディー、旋律

brand-new 真新しい



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the main idea of the reading?

- (A) Fireworks are dangerous on New Year's Eve.
- (B) People welcome the new year in different ways as it moves around the world.
- (C) Spain is the first country to see the new year.
- (D) Japanese people do not celebrate New Year's Eve.

2. Where do the first people see the new year?

- (A) In Sydney
- (B) In New York
- (C) On Kiritimati
- (D) In American Samoa

3. How many grapes do people in Madrid eat at midnight?

- (A) Seven
- (B) Twelve
- (C) One hundred
- (D) Twenty-five

4. Why was a ball used in Times Square?

- (A) Because ships once checked the time with falling balls
- (B) Because people liked soccer
- (C) Because grapes are round
- (D) Because the bridge was too high

5. In paragraph 4, what does "crowd" mean?

- (A) A large group of people
- (B) A kind of clock
- (C) A small piece of paper
- (D) A Scottish song

6. Which sentence is true about the reading?

- (A) People in Rio wear black clothes.
- (B) The first Times Square ball had 1,000 light bulbs.
- (C) Auld Lang Syne is a song about old friends.
- (D) People in Madrid eat grapes before the bells.

7. Why should you smile when you hear "Hotaru no Hikari" in a store?

- (A) Because the store is giving free gifts
- (B) Because it is the end of the school year
- (C) Because the song is very funny
- (D) Because people around the world use the same melody to welcome the new year

8. In the dialogue, why do people in the Canary Islands eat their grapes later?

- (A) Because they don't like grapes
- (B) Because of the time difference
- (C) Because the bells are broken
- (D) Because farmers told them to

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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| The first Times Square ball drop was in 1907. | T / F |
| In Spain, people eat seven grapes at midnight. | T / F |
| In Brazil, many people wear white on New Year's Eve. | T / F |
| New York is the first city to see the new year. | T / F |
| Auld Lang Syne and Hotaru no Hikari have the same melody. | T / F |
| In Denmark, people jump into the sea at midnight. | T / F |



Word Work

Words & phrases. 単語のれんしゅう。

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① Match the pictures and the words. 絵と単語を線で結ぼう。



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● chair



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● grapes



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● confetti



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● wave



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● bell



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● fireworks



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● suitcase



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● midnight

② Unscramble the words. 文字を並べ替えて単語にしよう。

1. M N I D G T H I

2. G P A S E R

3. D I S L N A

4. D W R O C

5. M O L D Y E

6. S D D O S G E

③ Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

morning

bottle

midnight

beach

shout

year

fireworks

clock

sleep

chairs

show

dinner

counts

Jumping into the New Year

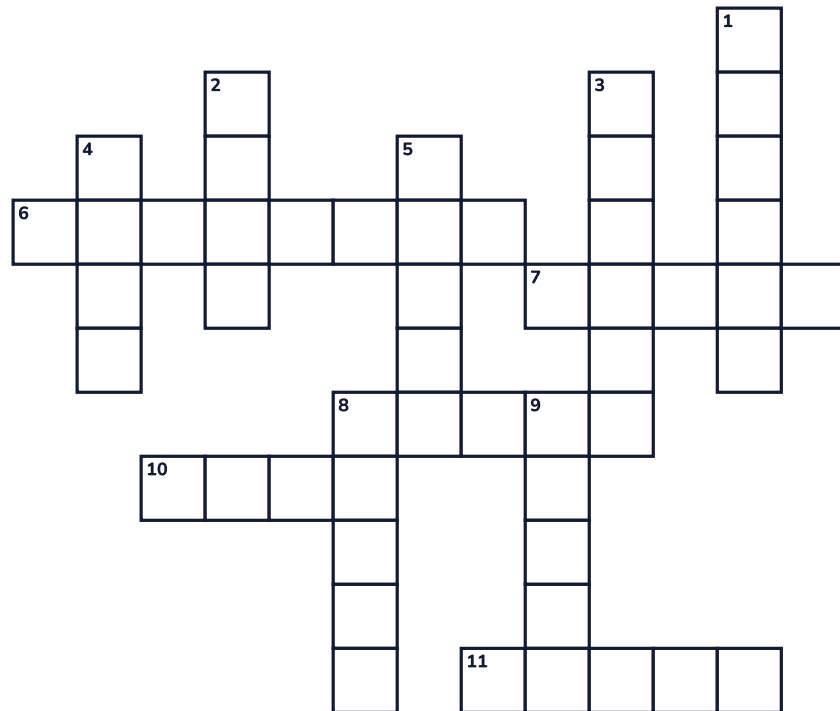
It is December 31 in Copenhagen. Freja's family has a big (1) _____ with fish and cake. At 11:45, they watch a funny old (2) _____ on TV. Then everyone looks at the (3) _____. Freja and her brother stand on their (4) _____. Ten, nine, eight... The whole family (5) _____ together. At (6) _____, they all jump down to the floor. "We jumped into the new (7) _____!" Freja laughs. Outside, colorful (8) _____ light up the sky. Her father opens a (9) _____ of juice for the children. "Happy New Year!" they (10) _____.



Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues and fill in the puzzle. ヒントを読んで、クロスワードを完成させよう。

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Across →

- 6** Twelve o'clock at night. (8)
7 People in Brazil jump over seven of these at the beach. (5)
8 A very large group of people. (5)
10 It comes down a pole in Times Square. (4)
11 Temples in Japan ring these 108 times. (5)

Down ↓

- 1** People in Spain eat twelve of these small fruits. (6)
2 Auld Lang Syne is an old Scottish one. (4)
3 Land with water all around it. (6)
4 You make one and hope it comes true. (4)
5 Danish people jump off this at midnight. (5)
8 It tells the time. In Madrid, it rings twelve times. (5)
9 The color of clothes on the beach in Rio. (5)



Word Search

Find the hidden words. かくれた単語を探そう (→ ↓ ↘ ↗)。

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Find these words! 14

- ☐ BALL
- ☐ BELLS
- ☐ CHAIR
- ☐ CHEERS
- ☐ CLOCK
- ☐ CROWD
- ☐ GRAPES
- ☐ ISLAND
- ☐ MIDNIGHT
- ☐ PARTY
- ☐ SONG
- ☐ WAVES
- ☐ WHITE
- ☐ WISH

W	I	S	H	W	R	C	C	S	I	U	R	J
I	M	C	G	Y	C	L	R	H	O	V	A	B
M	I	U	N	K	K	O	O	C	E	V	G	E
B	D	M	I	U	E	C	W	H	U	E	M	L
R	N	W	K	S	H	K	D	A	T	A	R	L
M	I	A	V	E	L	Y	T	I	O	O	E	S
P	G	V	S	O	T	A	H	R	H	N	P	T
Y	H	E	N	R	H	W	N	I	I	C	Y	H
C	T	S	A	G	I	J	G	D	W	G	F	P
U	N	P	I	J	C	K	G	R	A	P	E	S
W	T	B	A	L	L	V	S	T	E	M	D	E
L	V	H	A	A	W	T	E	H	D	M	Y	E
I	S	O	N	G	M	T	J	B	H	V	U	D

Secret Code 暗号を解こう！記号を文字に直すと、メッセージが出てくるよ。



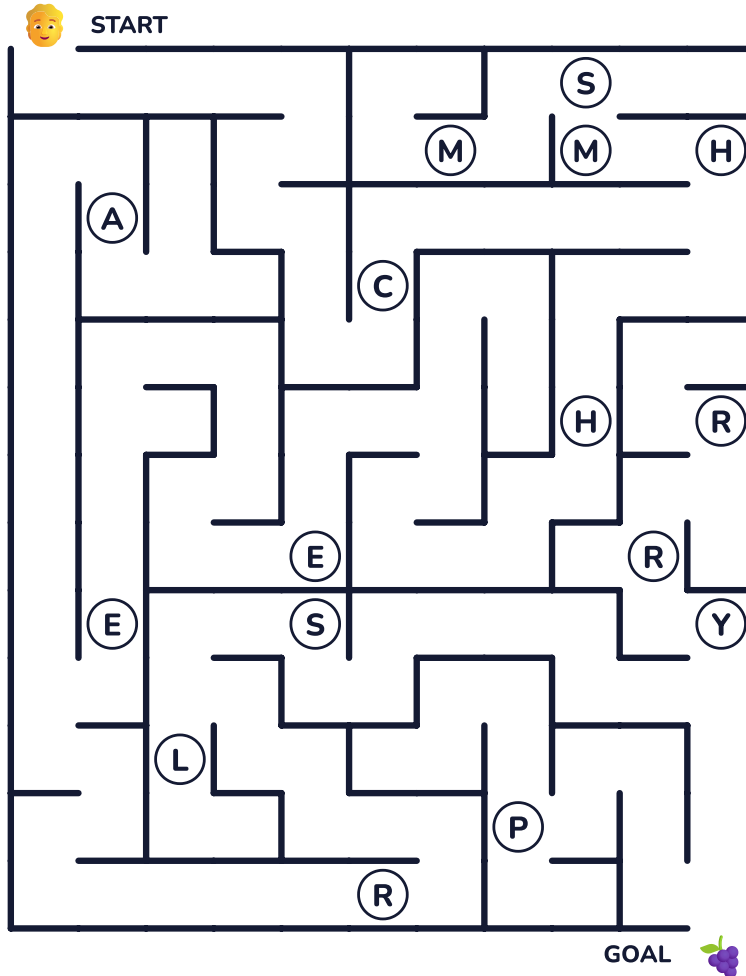


Maze & Sentences

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Help Kenta get to the twelve grapes before midnight!

Collect the letters on the right path. What is the secret word? 正しい道の文字を集めると、ひみつの言葉になるよ。



Secret word: _____

Put the words in order. 並べ替えて正しい文にしよう。

1. the / The / world / new / year / moves / around .

2. grapes / Spain / People / in / twelve / eat .

3. in / white / clothes / Many / Brazil / people / wear .

4. down / ball / at / A / big / comes / midnight .

5. an / We / midnight / after / song / old / sing .



Class Activity & Writing

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Find Someone Who... クラスで聞いて回ろう！ Ask: "Do you ...?" / "Have you ...?"

Find someone who ...	Name
... has stayed up until midnight on New Year's Eve	
... has heard temple bells on New Year's Eve	
... can sing Hotaru no Hikari	
... likes grapes	
... has seen big fireworks	
... knows the name of the first country to see the new year	
... has eaten toshikoshi soba	
... can count down from ten in English very fast	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

On New Year's Eve, my family usually _____.

If I could spend New Year's Eve in _____, I would _____ because _____.

At midnight, I will make a wish. My wish is _____.



Trace & Color

Trace the words. Then color the picture! なぞって書こう。絵に色を塗ろう。

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fireworks



grapes



midnight



bell

